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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
(37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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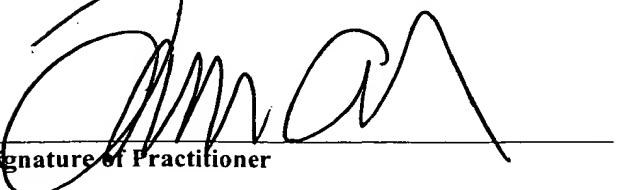
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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii. Payment of the issue fee
 - Prior to payment of the issue fee
 - Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted
 - iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences
 - A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.
 - iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or
 - Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146
 - Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action
 - Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

3. a) Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on March 15, 2004.
(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on
 - Other
- b) Enclosed herewith is/are:
 - An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)
 - Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
 - An amendment
 - New arguments
 - New evidence in support of patentability
 - Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

Small entity (and status is still as small entity) \$385.00
 Large entity \$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.F ee	Or	Rate	Add.F ee
Total	20	Minus			x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$0
Indep.	2	Minus			x\$43=	\$		x\$86=	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$145=	\$		+\$290=	
					Total Addit.Fee		Or	Total Addit.Fee	\$0

(c) No additional fee is required.

or

(d) Total additional fee required is \$

EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension	Large Entity	Small Entity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
	two months	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
	three months	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
	four months	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
		Fee:	\$110.00

An extension for - months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$

or

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$770.00
	Fee for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$110.00
	Total Fee(s) Due	\$880.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charge Credit Card the sum of	\$880.00
	(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)	

Please charge any required additional fees for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

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	Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached).

INVENTORSHIP

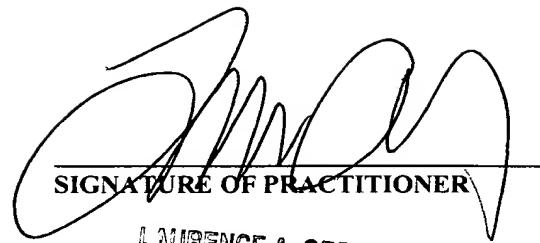
9. This application as amended names as inventors:

the same inventors as previously designated for the claims.
fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.
a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately: being filed been filed

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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